

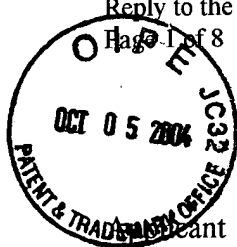
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004, having a three month shortened period for response which expired August 14, 2004, please find our attached petition to extend the reply time by 2nd month. In addition, we request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this submission.